

**10/593395**  
**IAP9/Rec'd PCT/PTO 19 SEP 2006**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

Katsuhiro KOIKE Atty. Ref.: 4105-87; Confirmation No.

Appl. No. To be assigned TC/A.U. To be assigned

Filed: September 19, 2006 Examiner: To be assigned

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP, AND OPTICAL INFORMATION  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS

\* \* \* \* \*

September 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows: